28th March, 1918

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Presidency Senior Chaplain and Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.—Rev. D. H. Gillan, M.A., B.D., Hotel Spencer.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson, Esq., W. A. Beardsell, Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton, Esq., W. Lamb, Esq., A. C. Puddephatt, Esq., R. W. Ross, Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson, Esq., W. A. Turner, Esq., and C. A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.
Organist and Choirmaster—A. W. Jones, Esq., 1/144 Mount Road.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Pritchard, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Kedleston, Kilpauk.
Woman's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Gillan, Hotel Spencer.
Woman's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. H. S. Chandler, Sunnyside, Royapettah.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Kalajagah, Chetput.
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. C. A. Innes, The Hermitage, Mylapore.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth, Esq., Chetput.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.

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Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays, at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE on Thursdays, at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Kedleston," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

WOMAN'S GUILD—The Woman's Guild meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month, at 5 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, at 5 P.M. from January to April, and August to December.

Church Notes

Communion.—As announced in last month's *Supplement* the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the close of the Evening Service on 7th April.

The Rev. John Heron, B. D.—Mr. Heron had more than completed his necessary service in India when he went Home two years ago, and he was "permitted to retire" on 16th March. Unfortunately Madras did not suit his health, and he spent a smaller proportion of the later years of his service in the Presidency town than is usual for the Presidency Senior Chaplain, but Mrs. Heron and he will be affectionately remembered both here and in other stations in the Presidency,

and good wishes will follow them into retirement. The Gazette is as follows :—

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT

Fort St. George, 18th March, 1918

Heron, the Rev. J., Presidency Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, Madras, has been permitted to retire from the service with effect from the 17th March, 1918.

Gillan, the Rev. D. H., to be Presidency Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, Madras, with effect from the 17th March, 1918, *vice* the Rev. J. Heron permitted to retire.

Sacred Concert.—The Madras Musical Association have decided to give their Sacred Concert in our Church on 9th April and not on the date previously fixed by them and given in last month's *Supplement.* The Concert will begin at 6-15 P. M., and the seats of seat-holders will be reserved till 6 P.M. It is of interest in this connection to quote from the account of the building by its Architect, Major Thomas Fiott de Haviland:—" The effect of a good instrument in this Church would be admirable, and few apartments could be better suited to the solemn and lengthened notes of an oratorio or other sacred music." It is also of interest to note from the daily press that Mr. R. L. Hird recently conducted the " Hymn of Praise " in Colombo.

The Sunday School.—The collections taken in the Sunday School during 1917, amounting to Rs. 18-1-0, were sent by the Superintendent last mail (together with other contributions) to Sir Arthur Pearson on behalf of the St. Dunstan's Hostel for soldiers blinded in the War. We regret to record the resignation from the Teaching Staff of Miss Howell who has received an appointment outside Madras. Whilst thanking her for her good help in the past we wish her every success in her new sphere. The attendance of children has kept up satisfactorily so far this year. The school will be closed on Easter Sunday re-opening on April 7th. On April 21st, the Sunday School will close for the annual hot weather vacation until August.

Church Centenary.—From the account just referred to, as from the inscription in the porch, we learn that " the first stone of St. Andrew's was laid...........on the 6th April, 1818." The true centenary of a Church naturally corresponds with the date on which the Church was first opened for worship ; but the laying of the foundation stone is an interesting event, and it is fitting that we should commemorate it. We read that on 6th April, 1818 " the ceremony was simple, without procession or pageantry " ; and the commemoration will take the simple form of references at the services on 7th April, especially at the evening service. Needless to say, all who are interested are cordially invited to keep the date free and be present: the " numerous. . . assemblage of the congregation " referred to by de Haviland must always have a high place in the impressiveness of services of dedication or commemoration.

Guild Work.—It has been felt by some that though the men of the congregation have contributed generously as individuals to the many benevolent activities of the Woman's Guild it might facilitate the help given and ease the burden of responsibility if a Man's Guild were formed. Guilds without an object are almost foredoomed to failure, but at the present moment a Man's Guild could help in the accomplishment of two definite objects :—(1) The provision of materials for soldiers' comforts alluded to in the Woman's Guild Report ; (2) The " running " of the soldiers' teas in the Church compound referred to in another paragraph which were so successful last year and for which some young men in the congregation have already volunteered their help. The best form for a Man's Guild here may be open to discussion and there will be an announcement shortly either in the *Supplement* or from the pulpit.

Jumble Sale.—April is a month of changes, and whenever changes are made there is a chance of discovering and wishing to discard garments and other things no longer needed. A Jumble Sale is therefore being arranged for the middle of April, and any articles sent in for it will be gratefully received and acknowleged. If any friends would like us to collect the articles, we shall gladly do so on receipt of a post-card.

Soldiers' Tea Parties.—Our readers will remember the series of most successful tea parties we held last year in the Church compound. As there did not seem to be need of very special effort in this direction during

the cold weather, beyond what is already being done in Madras by the Madras Tea Association, etc., it was thought better to reserve our energy for the "furlough season." This begins, we are told, about the middle of April, and there will be hundreds of men passing through Madras on their way to the Hills and other stations, many of them indeed preferring to spend their furlough in Madras. We would like to do what we can for these lads this hot weather and will begin our tea parties at an early date. We shall need money! and what we think would help most would be the promise of *regular* monthly subscriptions. Already some of the young men of the congregation have expressed their willingness to help in this direction, and we hope very soon to send round a list. Last year we entertained about 500 soldiers during the hot weather months. Roughly we estimate the cost at one rupee per head. Is it too much to ask that we attempt to entertain about 200 soldiers a month, either in two batches a month, or four batches a month? Suggestions will be gladly welcomed, and help will be thankfully received. All through the months that are gone the thoughts of these parties have brought pleasant recollection to some of the soldiers in Mesopotamia who are now far removed from social influences, and letters of gratitude, absolutely unsolicited, have come to the Secretary of the Guild from time to time.

So we want to try again this year, and if possible on a larger scale! But it will all depend upon the funds. Please help, and though even tiny contributions will be thankfully received month by month, we shall be glad if you will make them as large as you can. All contributions sent to the Secretary will be acknowledged.

Woman's Guild.—The two meetings for the month have been held as usual. The first was the Annual Meeting, and was the best meeting of the kind we have had so far, 32 being present. The Meeting was opened with prayer by the Chaplain, after which Miss McDougall, of the Women's Christian College, gave a deeply interesting address on the Education of girls comparing the relative merits of the High School education and the College education. It was most kind of Miss McDougall to come and address us, and we all greatly appreciate her kindness, as well as the words of kind advice she gave on such an important and vital subject. The Chaplain proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss McDougall, which was warmly responded to. We hope very much Miss McDougall will kindly come and address us some other time.

The next business of the Meeting was the reading of the Secretary's Report for 1917-1918 by Mrs. Gillan, which was as follows:—

"At the beginning of the year under review there were 42 members on our books. From this number we have lost Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. deSantos, Mrs. Boys, by resignation: Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Hird, Mrs. F. Organe, Miss Wienand, Mrs. Leith, Mrs. Jones, Miss Thomson who have left Madras: and Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Sage and Miss Kelly who are at Home on furlough. We look forward, however, to the return among us, in due course, of these last mentioned ladies. This, especially in the early part of the year, meant a very depleted list, and we have missed greatly the members who came so regularly to the meetings, and were so helpful in every direction. Mrs. Simonsen, Mrs. Fyfe, Mrs. Dewar, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Prosser, Miss Watt, Mrs. Moffat, Mrs. Arthur Scott, Mrs. Logan, Miss Chatterton, Miss Corrie Gordon, Mrs. McClelland, Miss Dalgarno, Mrs. Adam, Mrs. Badcock, Mrs. Gold, Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Macphail, and Miss Burgess have all joined the Guild, so we have more than made up our losses, and we give these ladies a very hearty welcome.

Meetings.—The work of the Guild has gone on steadily, and except for the three months that it was closed, as is the custom during the hot weather, the two meetings per month have been regularly held.

Concert.—Our first activity for the year was a concert in aid of Local Charities. This was held on the 13th of February in the Victoria Hall. As the Hall was larger than the Guild had hitherto engaged for its entertainments, it was feared we could hardly expect to sell enough tickets to fill the Hall. This however gave us the pleasure of inviting free 100 men of the 1-4 Devons, and 100 of the 2-5 Hampshires to come to the Concert, which they greatly enjoyed, and also the gift of cigarettes which Mrs. G. K. Walker kindly provided for the men to smoke during the evening. The proceeds from the Concert were Rs. 711-14-0. Of this we gave—

Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association	Rs. 100
St. Andrew's Free School ...	„ 150
Church of Scotland Women's Mission	„ 150

keeping the balance towards the support of our child in St. George's Homes, Mary Wilding. With regard to this child a delightful photo received in July shows a very happy and healthy looking little girl. From her school report we learn that "Mary's work and conduct have been very good this term. She can be most reliable and industrious, but does not always remember this. Her behaviour is good, and she has been promised promotion." For a little girl of eleven we think this is a very encouraging report.

Soldiers' Tea Parties :—In March a series of Soldiers' Tea Parties was begun in the compound and these went on steadily month by month till October. Eight parties in all were given and more than 480 men were entertained. The ladies of the Guild gave a large portion of the cakes and the tea, and the men of the congregation and some outside friends, generously gave donations for the minerals, smokes, preparation of the compound, lamps, etc. Full accounts of these parties have been given in the Supplements, and letters have come from some of the men entertained, written in deep appreciation of what was done for them. The cost of the August party was defrayed from a Fund collected by some of the business men in Madras for the entertainment of furlough soldiers. This fund was in the hands of the Officer then in command of the Fort, Col. Marwood-Tucker, who kindly lent the services of the 2/4 Devons' Band which was greatly enjoyed.

Hospital Ship "Madras".—Our last and largest venture for the year was the Sale of Work and the Concert, in aid of the Hospital Ship "Madras". This object was suggested by Her Excellency the Lady Pentland who is the President of the Guild, and the Guild members, congregation and friends responded so warmly to her appeal for help, that a sum of Rs. 7,436-11-4 was sent in aid of the Ship.

Change of Office Bearers.—We have missed greatly our Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Turner, who with her husband went Home on leave in February. We are glad to hear good accounts of her, and to learn that she is now quite restored to health, and taking a large share in the country's War work at Home. As no one could be found to take her place, Mrs. Gillan undertook the post as Acting Secretary. We have lost a valued Treasurer in Mrs. Ross by the transfer of her husband to Rajahmundry. She is not too far away however for us to keep in touch with her, and we hear of her and from her from time to time, and hope in the future she wiil come back to us again. Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell kindly took her place as Hon. Treasurer, but, owing to the lamented and deeply regretted death of her husband, Mr. W. Taylor-Mitchell, she resigned in November. Mrs. Chandler has now kindly taken up the work and we have in her we know a worthy successor to those ladies who have hitherto held the post.

Soldiers' Comforts.—We have in the Guild several splendid workers who knit and sew steadily all the year. The Comforts made for the soldiers are sent to Government House and despatched from there to Mesopotamia. In the year under review we sent 73 pairs of socks, 15 pyjamas, 119 handkerchiefs, 4 mufflers and a waistcoat. We are always glad to provide materials, and if other ladies would like work they can have it at any time. We should also be glad to have more gifts of money for the purchasing of these materials, as everything has increased so much in price and the money spent in buying the comforts makes a big hole in the Guild funds. In this connection, however, we would like to acknowledge gratefully a gift of Rs. 77-4-0 for soldiers' comforts received through the Kirk Session which was most acceptable.

Jumble Sales.—We have had two during the Guild's year. Both of these were very successful. At the first we cleared Rs. 97-3-9 and at the second Rs. 150-2-9 making a total of Rs. 247-6-6.

Funds.—These will be dealt with in detail in the Treasurer's report. Here it is sufficient to mention that the money received amounts to Rs. 9,429-11-0.

In closing we would like to thank every member of the Guild for this year of very successful work. It is the best year the Guild has had so far, as regards money raised, number of members on the list, and number of activities and we thank God for all the encouragement and help He has given to our labours. We would like the year the Guild has now entered to be even a better year, and this we cannot expect unless we have the warm co-operation of all the members. We have had it, in a large measure, in the past and we feel sure we shall also have it in the future, since all we seek to do is for the Glory of God and for the advancement of His Kingdom."

The report, on the motion of Miss Forbes, seconded by Miss Dunhill, was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Chandler next presented the Treasurer's Report, and in doing so said :

" A Treasurer's report of necessity is made up mostly of dry figures, but in an organization such as ours, we realize that our financial condition is largely the gauge of our prosperity.

When we think of what our Guild has been able to accomplish this past year and what we hope to do to this present year, figures become instinct with life and we are all interested.

From the financial standpoint we have certainly had a successful year, so let us thank God and take courage for another year of faithful effort."

Yearly Statement of Accounts for 1917-1918

RECEIPTS

	RS.	A.	P.
Amount on hand	308	15	5
Concert, Feb. 13th, 1917	711	14	0
Proceeds of two Jumble Sales ...	247	6	6
Members' Subscriptions	172	12	0
Donations for Soldiers' Teas ...	369	13	0
Hospital Ship "Madras" Expenses Refunded	73	10	0
Donation from Kirk Session for Soldiers' comforts	77	4	0
Refund for breakages from Madras Tea Association	3	0	0
Interest on deposit	1	12	9
Money for the next Sale	26	8	0
Total ...	1,992	15	8
Sale of Work in aid of Hospital Ship "Madras" (less expenses) ...	7,436	11	4

EXPENDITURES

Expenses of Concert	148	8	6
Church of Scotland Woman's Mission...	150	0	0
St. Andrew's Free School	150	0	0
Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association	100	0	0
Soldiers' Teas	291	13	6
Rev. J. Breedon for Mary Wilding, St. George's Homes	360	0	0
War Materials	81	8	0
Sale expenses (H.S.M.) subsequently refunded	73	10	0
Cheque book and postage	2	8	0
Balance on hand, March 1st, 1918 ...	634	15	8
Total ...	1,992	15	8
Sale of Work in aid of Hospital Ship, "Madras"	7,436	11	4

Mrs. Atkinson was then asked to say something about the Dorcas, and kindly did so although the Dorcas is not in itself part of the Guild, being a much older organization in St. Andrew's. Mrs. Atkinson said

" Ladies,—Mrs. Gillan has asked me to say a few words about the Dorcas Society. When I was asked to take up the Secretaryship in 1909, I was told it would be only for a short time, but owing to the change of Chaplains I am still the Secretary. When I took over the Dorcas in 1909, there were quite a number of members, but since then there has been a gradual falling off, so much so that I have had to get the parents to work the children's clothes.

I will be very pleased if all the members of the Guild will also become members of the Dorcas Society and take the poor children's garments, which are all ready cut out, and have them made up or pay a donation half-yearly towards the cost of working the garments.

We have just now thirty-two women, six men, twenty-four boys and twenty girls on the list. The women work their own clothes so only the men's and children's clothes have to be made up.

Before closing I must thank the ladies for the kind help they have given me in past years."

After the reports were presented the new Committee was arranged. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer having been duly elected and two additional members, Mrs. Innes and Mrs. Black, voting papers for the election of a Secretary and nine members of Committee were circulated. On these being filled up and counted, it was found that Mrs. Gillan had been elected Secretary, and Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Conran, Miss Forbes, Miss Graham, Miss Hall, Mrs. Higginbotham, Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. G. K. Walker, and Mrs. Wilton, members of Committee. All agreed to accept office.

The second meeting for the month was held on the 21st. It also was a well-attended meeting, over twenty ladies being present. Mrs. Chandler gave an address on American Elementary and Middle Schools, dwelling for a few minutes on the education of Deficients, and the need of Play-grounds for little children. We all greatly enjoyed this delightful address, and consider that both Miss McDougall and Mrs. Chandler have given valuable additions to our store of knowledge on the education of the young.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I certify that I have examined the Church Accounts for the Calendar year 1917 and found them correct.

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,
Hony. Auditor.

February, 1918.

I certify that I have examined the Church Accounts for the month of January 1918 and found them correct.

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,
Hony. Auditor.

March, 1918.

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for February, 1918

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	Messrs. Spencer and Co. Communion Wine	3	8	0
„ Seat Rents	108	0	0	To Church Choir for Jan., 1918 ...	161	0	0
„ Church Collections	250	10	3	„ „ Estabt. „ „ ...	185	8	0
„ Refunds	10	0	0	„ Organ Blowers	3	0	0
„ Organ Practice	10	0	0	„ M. P. House Printing Bills Nos. 16 and 27	15	4	0
„ Sale of Grass	10	0	0	„ M. E. S. Co., Current for Jan..	7	8	0
„ Government Grant Free School.	90	0	0	„ Communion Roll	2	4	0
				„ Compound account	2	5	6
				„ Government Grant Free School	90	0	0
				„ Faculty, late Jas. Short, Esq. to Free School	75	0	0
				„ Free School refund	1	0	0
				„ Miscellaneous	6	2	6
				Balance Credit this Account ...	35	2	3
Total ...	587	10	3	Total ...	587	10	3

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for February, 1918

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT			DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT		
	RS.	A.	P.		RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	16	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food account	76	1	0
„ Government Grant remission of fees, etc.	90	0	0	„ Laundry	2	4	9
„ Subscription undercredited ...	1	0	0	„ Attendance register	1	11	0
„ Faculty, late James Short, Esq.	75	0	0	„ Spoons and plate (Oakes & Co.)	12	12	0
„ Cash	110	3	3	„ Material (Stanes & Co.) ...	10	0	0
				„ Water filters, Charcoal, etc. ...	1	8	0
				„ Turpentine for furniture ...	1	2	0
				„ Drawing books and note books.	1	12	6
Total ...	302	3	3	Total ...	302	3	3

H. BOYS,
Church Clerk.

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,
Hony. Auditor.

D. H. GILLAN,
Senior Chaplain.

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